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I believe that Microsoft has intentionall built up it's Windows operating system to eliminate the competition. They knowingly release products that are incompatible with certain types of software in an effort to eliminate the opposition. The most recent one that comes to mind is Windows XP's incompatibility with Apple's Quicktime, which took plenty of complaining and finally a fix from Apple, not Microsoft. By allowing Microsoft to settle this case by flooding schools with their products will only help to further their infiltration of the consumers home, by getting children used to using a Windows based PC at early age, they are making the consumer identify with their brand, and continue to use Windows based PCs in the future. A more viable alternative would be to fund competitors, or 3rd party software manufactures looking to create applications for Windows (such as an Internet Explorer alternative or support for Linux). I appreciate the government allowing the public to voice their opinion, and look forward to future opportunities.

Sincerely,

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